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SUBJECT: FY 73 IV GRANT

REF: O'BRIN LETTER APRIL 20, 1973

1. POST WISHES TO NOMINATE MR. JEAN CABOT, GEOGRAPHY PROFESSOR
AND RECTOR OF CHAD'S UNIVERSITY FOR AN IV GRANT. FRENCH CITIZEN.
BORN FEBRUARY 25, 1923 AT MONTPELLIER, FRANCE.

2. HAS TRAVELED AFRICA AND EUROPE, INCLUDING SOVIET UNION (IN
1973). NEVER VISITED US.

3. SPEAKS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL AND WILL NOT NEED ESCORT/INTREPRETER
FOR ENTIRE DURATION OF TRIP.

4. MR. CABOT'S TRAINING HAS BEEN EXCLUSIVELY IN THE FRENCH
SYSTEM. HE BEGAN HIS TEACHING CAREER IN CHAD IN THE EARLY 1950'S
AND SUBSEQUENTLY WORKED IN NORTH AFRICA AND FRANCE WHERE HE OBTAINED
HIS PH. D. (1965) AND TAUGHT AT THE SORBONNE. HE WAS APPOINTED
TO HIS PRESENT POSITION SHORTLY BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY
IN N'MDJAMENA IN JANUARY 1972.

5. MR. CABOT'S EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT AND EXPERIENCES
IN HIGHER EDUCATION WOULD BE HIGHLY PROFITABLE TO THE UNIVERSITY
HE HEADS. ANOTHER CHADIAN EDUCATOR, MR. KOGONGAR, THE GOVERN-
MENT'S COUNSELOR FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SAID TO HAVE BEEN ENORMOUSLY
ENRICHED BY HIS JUST CONCLUDED ET VISIT IN THE US.

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6. MR. CABOT IS A BONA FIDE RESIDENT OF CHAD BUT HE USUALLY SPENDS

HIS SUMMER VACATIONS IN EUROPE AND COULD TRAVEL FROM PARIS.
JULY 15 -AUGUST 25 WOULD PROBABLY BE HIS PREFERRED DATES FOR
THE US. TRIP.MULCHY

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